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ADOT projects back on track with emergency federal funds

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Six new state highway projects put on hold during a federal funding spat should be back on track soon.

The U.S. Senate approved \$8 billion in emergency funding Wednesday to keep the Highway Trust Fund from going broke at the end of the month.

The fund collects and distributes federal fuel taxes to the states but its revenue has been hit by a sharp falloff in driving because of high gas prices.

That forced a delay in federal payments to states.

The Arizona Department of Transportation said it would take the projects off hold as soon as the money goes into the federal fund. It was unclear how quickly that would happen.

ADOT spokesman Tim Tait said it was good news that the fund didn't go broke but that a "long-term, sustainable" funding plan was needed.

